

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

September 19, 2017

7:30 PM Conference 4/5
Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Fee, Hargraves,
Hine, Kazmi, Kirk, Nguyen, Rosier

Absent:

Commissioners: Callender, Gulakowski, Javed,
Roark, Woodruff

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Rebecca L. Makely, Director
Consumer Services Division
John W. Burton, Assistant County Attorney
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Henri Stein-McCartney, Branch Chief
Regulation and Licensing Branch
Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist II
Regulation and Licensing Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes for the June 20 and July 18, 2017, meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman informed the Commission about the Silver Shield campaign sponsored by Supervisor Gross and the event launch held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the Lincolnia Senior Center.

Director Liberman mentioned Ed Long, County Executive, retired on Friday, September 15, 2017. Fairfax County Park Authority Executive Director Kirk Kincannon has been appointed acting county executive by the Board of Supervisors.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Kirk mentioned ongoing concerns about the Equifax breach and taking precautions to protect yourself. He mentioned his senior neighbor was contacted by someone claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House and that she had won a new car and needed to meet at her home. Commissioner Kirk arranged to be there and saw a car with Maryland tags pull up, view the situation, and drive off.

Commissioner Rosier stated there are several aerial Verizon lines hanging low in her neighborhood. Staff advised Commissioner to email addresses to Consumer Affairs.

Commissioner Hargraves inquired about kids selling cookies in his neighborhood. Staff indicated there is an on-going investigation into a group using children to illegally solicit door-to-door.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz stated he would like to have a speaker talk about Public Access channels.

Commissioner Nguyen had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Old Business

There was no old business before the Commission.

New Business

1. Fairfax County Trespass Towing Ordinance Update. Henri Stein-McCartney, Branch Chief, Regulation and Licensing Branch, presented the code revisions to the trespass towing ordinance which were approved by the Trespass Towing Advisory Board. Ms. Stein-McCartney spoke about the authority to regulate trespass towing, Chapter 82-5-32, requirements in the chapter, reasons why the chapter was revised, proposed revisions, and the public hearing process.

A discussion ensued on animal control's ability to handle calls when pets are left in a towed vehicle, planning district 8, and the reasons behind the revisions.

Commissioner Kirk made the motion that CPC move to support the TTAB's recommendation. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.